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DR. CLAYTON YEUTTER IS NEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY

DR. CLAYTON YEUTTER has been sworn in by Secretary Butz to be the new Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Consumer Services.

Dr. Yeutter joined USDA Aug. 12, 1970, as administrator of the Consumer and Marketing Service (now Agricultural Marketing Service) and left the Department a year ago to join the Committee for the Re-Election of the President.

Executive Assistant to the Governor of Nebraska from 1966 to 1969, Dr. Yeutter then became Director of the University of Nebraska's mission in Bogota, Colombia. The Bogota program is directed by six Midwestern universities to upgrade agricultural teaching, research and extension efforts in Colombia.

Born in Eustis, Neb., Dr. Yeutter received his B.S. from the University of Nebraska in 1952 and was named the outstanding animal husbandry graduate in the Nation. He received his J.D., cum laude, in 1963 and his Ph.D in agricultural economics in 1966, also from the University of Nebraska.

From 1960 to 1966 he taught agricultural economics at Nebraska and in 1972 re-

ceived a "Distinguished Alumni" award from his alma mater. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 to 1957. Since 1957, Dr. Yeutter has operated a 2,500-acre ranch and cattle-feeding enterprise in central Nebraska.

CHILD NUTRITION ADVISORY COUNCIL PREPARES ANNUAL REPORT

THE THIRTEEN-MEMBER National Advisory Council on Child Nutrition met Jan. 29-30 to review recent program developments and policies. Consideration was also given to the use of funds for program-related nutritional training and surveys.

The Council approved its second annual report to the President and Congress. The report will be available following its presentation.

The report includes three new recommendations: increasing student participation in the child nutrition programs; using school facilities and experience for summer feeding programs; and assuring that the use of the new food products is properly monitored and accompanied by appropriate nutrition education materials.

The Council expressed continuing concern with the issues identified in its

first annual report, especially the need to increase nutrition education efforts and to make school feeding programs available to all schoolchildren as soon as possible.

A CAREER LADDER FOR SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE PERSONNEL

THE CONTINUING EDUCATION Committee of the American School Food Service Association is working with the Food and Nutrition Information and Educational Materials Center of the National Agricultural Library to develop a career ladder for school food service personnel. This long-range goal includes a progressive educational program for high schools, two-year college programs, and bachelor's and advanced degrees.

The Committee plans to organize prototype curricula for core and elective courses for an associate degree program for use by community colleges and universities in training middle managers of school food service. The group will also help publicize the General Educational Development (GED) examination or other high school equivalency programs to interest sub-managerial personnel.

An important area related to these activities is the review of materials collected in the Center. A special collection of catalogs, syllabi, and course outlines from community colleges has been made by Center staff.

Attending the meeting at FNIC/NAL were: Jay Caton, ASFSA; Dr. Lenora Moragne, FNS; Linda Schumacher, management specialist, ASFSA; Eloise Payne, supervisor of a public school cafeteria; Lucille Barnett, President-elect, ASFSA; and Louise Sublette, President, ASFSA.

The Food and Nutrition Information and Educational Materials Center is headed by Christine Justin.

New Food Stamp "Technical" Amendments

USDA HAS ANNOUNCED a series of amendments to food stamp program regulations which are concerned with the technical operation of the program. The new amendments:

- Broaden the definition of "hearing official" to include the recorder at a fair hearing as among those eligible for reimbursement by FNS.

- Allow State agencies to make direct refunds to recipients who have been overcharged for their coupons.

- Authorize State agencies to cooperate with Federal, State, or local government investigations of violations of the Act or regulations by allowing suspected ineligibles to continue to participate in the program during the investigation.

- Allow a deduction from income for court-ordered support and alimony payments.

Food Stamp Amendment Revises Income Calculations

A CHANGE IN calculating income for food stamps will permit some households with high medical costs, child care fees and similar expenses to pay less for their food coupons.

The new amendment permits shelter (housing) costs in excess of 30 percent of income to be deducted after all other deductions have been made. Previously, because the deduction had to be at an earlier point in the calculating process, some households with large medical and child care expenses ended up with a high calculated net income. Under the new amendment, the net income and, consequently, the amount of money those households pay to receive their food coupons will be reduced.

FOOD ASSISTANCE 1974 BUDGET

	1973	1974	Change
Child Nutrition Programs			
<u>National School Lunch Program</u>	Cash Grants to States		
For all lunches	\$ 340,000,000	\$ 348,000,000	+\$ 8,000,000
Avg. no. children reached	25,700,000	26,400,000	700,000
For free-reduced price lunches	\$ 620,000,000	\$ 663,000,000	+\$ 43,000,000
Avg. no. needy children	8,900,000	9,400,000	+ 500,000
<u>School Breakfast Program</u>	\$ 52,350,000	\$ 60,000,000	+\$ 7,650,000
Avg. no. children reached	1,800,000	2,100,000	300,000
<u>Nonfood (Equipment) Assistance</u>	\$ 16,110,000	\$ 16,110,000	no change
Total schools equipped	6,300	6,300	cumulative
<u>Non-school Food Program</u>			
Summer	\$ 50,600,000	\$ 50,600,000	no change
Year-round	\$ 23,400,000	\$ 30,000,000	+\$ 6,600,000
<u>Special Milk Program</u>	\$ 96,374,000	\$ 24,351,000	-\$ 72,023,000
<u>State Administrative Expenses</u>	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	no change
SUBTOTAL, CASH GRANTS TO STATES	\$ 1,202,334,000	\$ 1,195,561,000	-\$ 6,773,000
<u>USDA-Donated Foods for CN Programs</u>	\$ 307,645,000	\$ 313,700,000	+\$ 6,055,000
<u>Nutrition Training and Surveys</u>	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	no change
TOTAL, CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS	\$ 1,510,979,000	\$ 1,510,261,000	-\$ 718,000
Family Assistance Programs			
<u>Food Stamp Program</u>	\$ 2,169,997,000	\$ 2,171,560,000	+\$ 1,563,000
Avg. no. participants	12,100,000	11,300,000	- 800,000
Avg. monthly bonus (dollars)	\$ 14.50	\$ 15.50	+\$ 1.00
<u>Food Distribution Program</u>			
For needy families	\$ 263,979,000	\$ 239,817,000	-\$ 24,162,000
Avg. no. participants	2,800,000	2,500,000	- 300,000
Nutrition Supplement Programs	\$ 16,136,000	\$ 20,000,000	+\$ 3,864,000
TOTAL, FAMILY FOOD PROGRAMS	\$ 2,450,112,000	\$ 2,431,377,000	-\$ 18,735,000
Miscellaneous Programs			
<u>Food Distribution to Institutions</u>	\$ 26,297,000	\$ 26,297,000	no change
<u>Nutrition Education (Extens. Serv.)</u>	\$ 49,560,000	\$ 48,360,000	-\$ 1,200,000
<u>Federal Operation Expenses</u>			
All Food Assistance Programs	\$ 38,100,000	\$ 39,264,000	+\$ 1,164,000
TOTAL, FEDERAL FOOD ASSISTANCE	\$ 4,075,048,000	\$ 4,055,559,000	-\$ 19,489,000

NOTE: 1973 figures are current estimates; 1974 are budget requests.

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• "Publications of the Food and Nutrition Service" (FNS-11) is a new catalog of 122 publications. Write: Information Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

• "Food Stamp Facts," (FNS-74). The revised Household Income Deductions fact sheet reflects changes made in the order in which deductions are figured. For copies, write: Food Stamp Division, Food and Nutrition Service.

Food Stamps Can Now Buy Frozen Home Delivered Meals

MEAL DELIVERY PROGRAMS which deliver frozen meals can now be authorized to accept food coupons provided that they otherwise meet FNS criteria for Non-profit Meal Delivery Services (NMDS).

State agencies which administer the food stamp program receive notification whenever an NMDS has been authorized so they can inform appropriate recipients. Since only those persons with cooking facilities are able to utilize frozen delivered meals, certi-

fication offices are encouraged to refer other recipients to NMDSs which deliver meals requiring no preparation.

NEW PROCESSING CONTRACTS IN N.J.

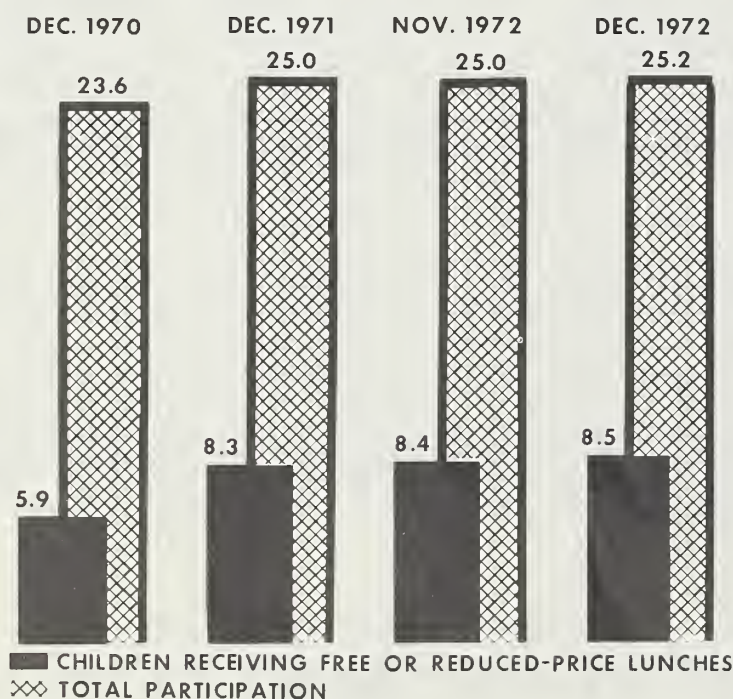
NEW JERSEY SCHOOLCHILDREN may soon be the first to enjoy a new-style chicken noodle dinner for lunch. The State has entered into a processing contract with a food processor to purchase several hundred cases of the dinners to taste-test in New Jersey schools.

The State will supply 90 cases of canned boned chicken to the processor who will convert it into 360 cases of the new end product. According to Col. E. C. Reiss, New Jersey Food Distribution Coordinator, "the cost per case will be approximately \$6.75 delivered to our warehouses versus about \$19.50 on the wholesale market. The savings result from the fact that USDA donates the chicken. If the tests prove successful, then we will go out on formal bid for a larger quantity."

At that time, also, Col. Reiss plans to supply the processor with the noodles, which will be processed under a separate contract from USDA-donated durum flour.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

(Millions of Participants)



FAMILY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

(Millions of Participants)

